

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

May 11, 1999
MAG Office Building, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Gary Thomas, Gilbert, Chairman
Jess Jarvis, ADOT
*William Bates, Avondale
*Phil Hughes, Cave Creek
Ty Hofflander, Chandler
*Warren Sparks, Gila Bend
Grant Anderson, Glendale
*Larry Martinez, Goodyear
*Luis Gonzales, Guadalupe
*George Flanagan, Litchfield Park
Chris Plumb, Maricopa County

Ron Krosting, Mesa
*Glenn Cornwell, Paradise Valley
*Dan Nissen, Peoria
Don Herp, Phoenix
*Larry Keeler, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community
Bob Brown for Alex McLaren, Scottsdale
Larry Shobe for Harvey Friedson, Tempe
Manuel Dominguez for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
*Don Needham, Youngtown

*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Dave Jeffers, ADOT
B.S.B. Murthy, ADOT

Steve Tate, MAG
Paul Ward, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman, Gary Thomas.

2. Approval of the April 11, 1999 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April 11, 1999 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience

There were no members of the public present to address the committee.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

Mr. Ward stated that this agenda item is also new and is intended principally for MAG staff to update the Committee on issues that are being addressed by the MAG Transportation Review Committee, Management Committee and the Regional Council.

5. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 1999 through 2003 and the Federal Fund Balances

Anne MacCracken distributed a revision of Attachment One, Project Status Sheet. Ms. MacCracken stated that this list includes projects that have been approved by the Regional Council for advancement or addition and also projects that are part of the (as yet unapproved) FY 2000-2004 MAG TIP. Ms. MacCracken continued to say that this sheet also reflects the advancement or deferment of projects as programmed in the new TIP. Ms. MacCracken referred to the second part of Attachment One, Regional Finances. Ms. MacCracken stated that during March 1999, approximately \$8 million funds were obligated. Ms. MacCracken asked if there were any questions from the members. David Jeffers commented that he is concerned about the City of Chandler's project on Dobson Rd: Frye to Western Canal and the City of Mesa's project on Crosscut and Consolidated Canal. Mr. Jeffers continued to say that while these projects are listed in FY 2000 in the Project Status sheet, these jurisdictions have indicated a desire to obligate the federal funds this fiscal year. Ron Krosting indicated that the situation regarding the Mesa project had been resolved and Ty Hofflander stated that Chandler will use federal funds for design. Chris Plumb stated that Maricopa County's AzTech Server project should be listed in FY 2000.

6. Report on the Federal FY 1999 Closeout

A sheet detailing the FY 1999 Closeout, dated March 15, 1999, was distributed. Ms. MacCracken commented that projects that were approved by the Regional Council for addition or advancement have been included in the list. Mr. Ward stated that he expects the new TIP to be approved for a conformity analysis by the end of this month. In conjunction with the request for a conformity analysis, Regional Council action to approve those projects recommended for federal funds in the new TIP was also expected to occur.

Mr. Ward stated that, under current guidelines, MAG jurisdictions are supposed to submit any project carry forward requests by March 1 of each year (three such requests had been received). This fiscal year, a preliminary closeout (already complete), an interim and a final closeout will likely occur. Mr. Ward commented that jurisdictions should notify MAG staff as soon as possible if they wish to carry forward a project. Mr. Ward continued to say that, since March 1, three jurisdictions have requested, or indicated a need, to carry forward projects from 1999 to 2000.

Mr. Jeffers commented that jurisdictions need to act quickly since an environmental clearance is needed before obligation can occur and environmental clearances can take an average of four to six months. Mr. Jeffers suggested that jurisdictions complete their own environmental clearances.

Grant Anderson asked whether the use of federal funds for the design portion had been voted on by other committees. Mr. Ward said that other committees are taking advantage of the flexibility of federal funds to design their projects early.

Mr. Ward commented that projects need to be identified for possible acceleration. Mr. Jeffers asked about the process for acceleration. Mr. Ward answered that there is a specific process for accelerating a project and that process takes approximately one and half months. This process begins with the jurisdiction requesting acceleration and consequently confers with ADOT whether it is realistic to accelerate that specific project. Mr. Ward continued to say that the MAG Transportation Review Committee and Regional Council must approve the acceleration.

Mr. Ward commented that if a project is in an approved TIP then a jurisdiction may begin working on the project regardless of what year the project is programmed. If the project is part of unapproved TIP, then the jurisdiction must wait for Regional Council's approval through a TIP amendment.

7. Status of the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ward stated that the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG TIP is expected to be approved by the Regional Council for the purposes of a conformity analysis by the end of this month. Then, subject to the successful completion of the conformity analysis, it is expected that the TIP will be submitted to the Regional Council by the end of June 1999, for final approval.

8. Congestion Management System (CMS)

Mr. Ward commented that changes have been requested for the CMS. Mr. Ward continued to say that changes have not actually been made to the system. Mr. Ward asked if there was any desire on the part of members to reforming the CMS Working Group to look how the requested changes impact projects CMS scores. Amid general agreement, the Chairman asked Mr. Ward to continue with the suggested analysis and provide the results to the full Street Committee for review.

9. Highway Performance Monitoring System Data Entry System (HPMS)

Mark Catchpole, from ADOT, gave a presentation on the importance of supplying HPMS data. Mr. Anderson asked how supplying this data impacts the amount of federal funds Arizona receives. Steve Tate commented that under TEA-21, 6% to 8% of TEA-21 funds are distributed based on HPMS. Joe Breyer from Lee Engineering gave a brief presentation on the HPMS in ArcView. Mr. Hofflander and Mr. Anderson commented that other jurisdiction's HPMS data is not a strong incentive for their jurisdictions to participate. In addition, it was commented that many public works departments do not have access to ArcView.

With the exception of Phoenix and Maricopa County, it was decided to continue with the use of the Paradox based HPMS Data Entry System for those jurisdictions with more than ten HPMS segments, and to send hard copies for review and red-line update to those jurisdictions with less than ten segments. Mr. Ward reminded jurisdictions that HPMS Data should be submitted to MAG by the end of April.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.